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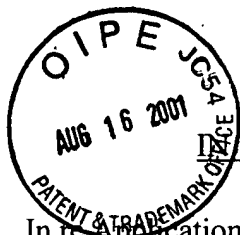
Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2001.

REMARKS

No amendments are made by this Response. Thus, Claims 1-15, and 17-44 remain pending.

Turning to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that neither the newly-cited Walker reference (U.S. 6,216,111 B1), nor any of the other cited references, disclose that the price of the product is scaled to the performance of the buyer during a Price Determining Activity (PDA). Applicant's claims, on the other hand, all recite language that the price of the product is scaled to the buyer's performance during the PDA (see below), and the PDA in turn is described in detail in the specification as an activity which is performed and which performance thereof is used to determine the price of the product. (See, e.g., page 2, lines 13-16; page 3, lines 1-4; page



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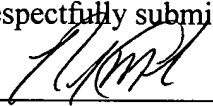
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Enclosed please find Applicant's Response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2001, for the patent application referenced above.

Applicant believes there are no fees due. However, Applicant hereby authorizes all fees due based on this Response, including fees for extension of time, and fees for extra claims, to be charged to **Deposit Account 50-1105** of Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 13, 2001

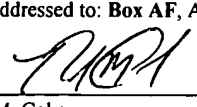

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